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SUBJECT: ROUTE 4 LOGISTIC ENHANCEMENT: POL TRANSPORT

REFS: A. PHNOM PENH 9015 (NOTAL)

B. STATE 153888

C. PHNOM PENH 6992

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

1. FOR BOTH. WE CONCUR WITH PHNOM PENH'S JUDGMENT, REF A, THAT PROCUREMENT 154 NEW POL TRUCKS WILL NOT MEET REQUIREMENT TO GET ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORT MOVING ON ROUTE 4 BEFORE NEXT DRY SEASON.

2. WE HAVE BEEN REVIEWING OTHER POSSIBLE OPTIONS FOR MEETING REQUIREMENT. IT APPEARS TO US RE POL CONTAINERS THAT THE USE OF COLLAPSIBLE 500-GALLON RUBBER OR FABRIC BLADDERS, 55-GALLON OIL DRUMS, OR A MIX OF BOTH APPEARS TO BE MOST TIMELY, FEASIBLE, AND CHEAPEST MEANS OF MEETING

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REQUIREMENTS.

3. FOR PHNOM PENH, YOUR ANALYSIS OF DAILY POL REQUIREMENTS, 249,000 GALS, (REF A) DIFFERS CONSIDERABLY FROM DATA AVAILABLE TO DEFENSE. JCS PLAN EARLIER THIS YEAR SHOWED TARGET OF 160,000 GALLONS PER DAY (50,000 GALLONS MILITARY NEEDS AND 110,000 GALLONS CIVILIAN NEEDS) AS QUOTE MINIMUM UNQUOTE BULK PETROLEUM REQUIREMENTS FOR PHNOM PENH. FANK LOGISTICS PLAN SUBMITTED BY MEDTC TO CINCPAC IN MAY, 1973 AIMED AT MEETING HALF OF DAILY FANK AND PHNOM PENH CIVILIAN REQUIREMENTS, OR 80,000 GALLONS PER DAY. FANK'S MAY ANALYSIS ARRIVED AT 154 TRUCKS TOTAL BY COMPUTING TIME FOR LOADING, DISCHARGING, 4-DAY ROUND TRIP TRANSIT TIME, AND ESTIMATED 25 PERCENT AVERAGE DEADLINE RATE (I.E., 4 DAYS TIMES 80,000 GALLON DAILY REQUIREMENT, PLUS DEADLINE FACTOR). WHILE WE AGREE THAT ORIGINAL TRUCK PROPOSAL SHOULD NOT BE PURSUED, REQUEST MEDTC AND ECONOMIC SECTION JOINTLY DEVELOP ASAP AGREED UPON POL REQUIREMENTS TARGET FOR OUR USE IN DEVELOPING MEANS OF SUPPLYING FEASIBLE POL TRANSPORT.

4. WE DO NOT NEED, HOWEVER, TO KNOW SPECIFIC REQUIREMENT BEFORE OPTING FOR APPROACH USING COMBINATION SOME BLADDERS AND OIL DRUMS.

5. WE HAVE AVAILABLE NOW , FOR EXAMPLE, AT LEAST SIXTY-THREE BLADDERS AND ARE LOOKING INTO AVAILABILITY OF ADDITIONAL BLADDERS. SIXTY-THREE BLADDERS WOULD SUPPLY 31,500 GALLON TOTAL, WOULD COST NEW DOLS 50,000 TOTAL, PLUS FREIGHT (LESS IF USED), AND ARE AVAILABLE FOR IMMEDIATE MOVEMENT. 6,360 OIL DRUMS WHICH WOULD SUPPLY 350,000 GALLON TOTAL WOULD COST DOLS 51,000 USED, IN U.S., PLUS FREIGHT, AND ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ALMOST IMMEDIATELY (DRUMS MIGHT BE BOUGHT AND SHIPPED MORE QUICKLY AND CHEAPER IN FAR EAST).

6. QUESTION OF TRUCKS TO HOLD POL CONTAINERS STILL HAS TO BE RESOLVED. THEREFORE, REQUEST YOU ASSESS ON URGENT BASIS IN-COUNTRY AVAILABILITY OF ALL TRUCKS WHICH COULD, IF AND WHEN REQUIRED, BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR ROUTE 4 POL CONVOYS, INCLUDING THOSE MAP AND AID-FINANCED AND THOSE

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OWNED BY GKR, INCLUDING TELEKHMER'S OWN POL TRANSPORT FACILITIES.

7. REQUEST YOU VERIFY OUR ESTIMATES AND COMPLETE AT LEAST PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF IN-COUNTRY TRUCK AVAILABILITY ASAP, AND CABLE US RESULTS NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 5 WASHINGTON TIME.

8. FOR CINCPAC. REF A BEING REPEATED TO YOU. REQUEST  
YOUR COMMENTS TO PHNOM PENH AND WASHINGTON ASAP ON  
POSSIBLE USE OF SOME BLADDERS AND OIL DRUMS TO MEET  
ROUTE 4 POL TRANSPORT REQUIREMENT. ROGERS

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